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 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (2.36 pm): I rise today to say a bit more about the level crossing at Mackie Road in Narangba and the adjacent local government intersections. I note the transport minister confirmed in his answer to question on notice No. 1099 that he has no intention of attending a town hall meeting in Narangba to hear locals' concerns—a town hall meeting that the LNP federal member Terry Young said to our local hero petition organiser, Haley Riches, that he would organise and that he would get his state mate Minister Mickelberg along to. Why did Terry Young promise this meeting? Was it just the LNP member for Longman paying lip-service to try to win votes for his LNP mate Dean Clements in the recent council by-election? I think so.

Not only was the minister's answer to my question on notice late; it was also full of political rubbish trying to disguise the fact that the minister will not be coming to Terry's town hall meeting, although I am sure Narangba locals would really appreciate the visit as we could talk more about buses from Narangba Valley High on Wednesdays as well. Maybe it would not be so hard to cop this disdainful political nonsense as a deliberate snub to my community if the minister had not also completely missed the point about this level crossing. Indeed, the minister told me in his response that his department told him that I have never asked for an upgrade to the level crossing 'despite those community concerns'. He admonished me. Why on earth would we want to upgrade one of the most problematic level crossings in South-East Queensland? I do not want it upgraded. As I said in my speech last night, I want it closed.

The problem is that local commuters need another way to get across the railway line, and finding that solution is the responsibility of council—in this case the City of Moreton Bay. As I also said last night, council have already costed some solutions but, sadly, they are yet to put a dollar in their budget. Nor has the council put forward a proposal to the state for co-funding, although I note that in its new City of Tomorrow document the council has identified the Mackie Road open level crossing as a top priority and articulated a desire to the work with the state on planning.

I would say to the council that there is no such thing as a free ride—although you can get one for 50 cents, thanks to Labor, on public transport—and council will need to put its money where its mouth is to deliver for its ratepayers on roads. If the minister wants me to ask for money for the level crossing, well, here goes: Minister, show us the money for the Narangba level crossing! Perhaps the minister could proactively indicate to council a value that the government could contribute to the cause, because I reckon that question is coming. There has been huge population growth in and around Narangba. I am keen to work with council, and hopefully the federal government too, to improve traffic outcomes for locals at these Narangba bottlenecks. Let's be clear about this: if the state says 'no deal', we will make sure locals know that it was the LNP that said no.